

## St. Louis Has a Ghost

Apparition is claimed to have appeared at the scene of a mysterious crime. In the

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GEN. REYES CRIES  
ON THE PRESIDENT

No Definite Proposition Submitted by the Representative of Colombia.

RECEPTION VERY CORDIAL.

Mr. Roosevelt Intimated in the Conversation That His Caller Came Too Late.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Gen. Rafael Reyes, special commissioner from Colombia, graciously invited his mission when he called upon President Roosevelt at the White House today and told him why he had come to Washington.

Gen. Reyes was accompanied by Secretary Hay, who introduced him to the President, and by Dr. Herran, the Colombian charge. The presentation took place in the blue parlor, where all ambassadors and ministers are received, but the President refused to receive him. Gen. Reyes, who was greeted with a little of the ordinary.

There was no exchange of formal speeches, though the Colombians were prepared to do so in case of need. Instead, the President greeted Gen. Reyes informally as a former acquaintance, having met him when the general was visiting the United States some time ago.

Instead of standing to receive his callers, as is the case in ordinary diplomatic presentations, the President himself sat down and invited Gen. Reyes to a seat beside him. The two then entered upon an animated conversation which touched upon some notable exploits in Gen. Reyes' life, with which the President seemed to be familiar, and gradually drifted around to the subject of Gen. Reyes' mission.

There was no definite proposition advanced by the Colombian for the Panama canal, but the conversation on this point closed with an understanding that Gen. Reyes, who now regards his mission as a duty, should hereafter make any representations respecting Panama that he cared to broach to Secretary Hay. Nevertheless, there was just enough intimation in the President's talk to make his callers aware that he saw little prospect of being able to meet their wishes.

TALE OF A TUB IS

SUBURBAN TRAGEDY

Washerwomen Is Emblem of New and Powerful Union of Household Indispensables

Washerwomen of Kirkwood, Webster Groves and the neighborhood that lies between have organized a union. They have officers, a walking delegate, rules, requirements and dues. The membership is exclusively colored.

As one result of the organization of the Washerwomen's Union, the scale of wages has been increased from an average of 30¢ per day, soap, starch and bluing furnished, to \$1.50 a day, and the hours have been shortened from ten to six.

Washerwomen from the city are not desired as members of the union, and if they invade the territory of the Washerwomen's Union as non-union washers, they are warned away.

The names of the officers are guarded as a secret by the working members of the union. But all the residents of the suburbs can testify as to the increase of wages from \$1 to \$1.50, then \$1.35, and finally to \$1.50 a day, where it rules firm, with small supply and heavy buying orders.

That there is a walking delegate is vouched for by J. Parker of Kirkwood, who deposes that his washerwoman was visited and searched and bluing furnished, to \$1.50 a day, and the hours have been shortened from ten to six.

R. M. Curtis of Glendale is one of the witnesses as to the truth of the report that washerwomen from the city are not wanted, and are warned away if they invade. He says he has a high and treasured queen of the laundry, and she suddenly quit, without warning, complaint or explanation. He has since learned that she was told there ought to be enough work for her in St. Louis.

The hours of the washerwomen were formerly from 7 o'clock in the morning to 6 in the evening. Now they are from 6 o'clock to 4 o'clock, with extra pay if the washing is done in the basement and no assistance furnished and with no waiving of rights to Christmas gifts and old clothes.

SHOOT HIS RIVAL

AND SWEETHEART

Tragedy at a Missouri Dance Caused by a Rejected Suitor's Jealousy

SPECIAL TO THE POST-DISPATCH.  
PARIS, Mo., Dec. 5.—Mad with jealousy, enraged because his sweetheart, Miss Annie Hartman, whom he had secured a license to wed, would not marry him, Frank Dawson, member of one of Monroe County's pioneer families, last night shot both his sweetheart and successful rival, Obe Hughes.

The crime was committed at the home of George Owsby, near Madison, during the progress of a dance. Dawson entered and without a word fired two shots, both taking effect.

The girl is mortally wounded and the condition of Hughes is serious.

Dawson has been brought to Paris.

THE SILENT WATCHES

OF THE NIGHT

Must be those who forget to wind up. Possessors often causes loss of time—especially when this neglect causes the omission of a want ad in the Sunday Post-Dispatch. Any one who forgets to wind up his watch before 5 o'clock this evening will find his watch running down.

Mr. Vandiver will speak at Mexico Saturday afternoon and at Montgomery City on the evening.

THE EXTRA SESSION  
MERGED INTO REGULAR

House Action Will Cause Lapse of Gen. Woods' Nominations and That of 167 Others Before the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The House adjourned at 1:40 p. m. today, without any qualification as to time. This carries the House over until 12 o'clock Monday and will have the effect of merging the extra session into the regular session without intermission. The result will be to cause the lapse of the nomination of Gen. Wood and 167 other nominations.

When the Senate met today it adopted a motion to adjourn until 11:30 Monday next. This was done to afford an opportunity to pass a concurrent resolution for the adjournment in case an agreement of that kind had been made between the two houses.

Without transacting further business of general importance, the Senate adjourned.

FALLS DEAD ON MISSION  
OF AID TO HER MOTHER

The funeral of Mrs. Della T. Blackmer, wife of C. E. Blackmer, and a prominent charity worker in South St. Louis, will be held Sunday morning. Interment will be in Oakridge Cemetery, Kirkwood.

BARRETT'S TERM FIVE YEARS

Prisoner Concluded of Naturalization Frauds Is Released on a \$20,000 Bond

Thomas E. Barrett, convicted in the United States District Court of aiding and abetting naturalization frauds, was sentenced Saturday morning to five years' imprisonment and the payment of a fine of \$100.

Martin Carleton, Martin Shaughnessy and J. C. Murray signed his bond for \$20,000, and he was released on that bond.

Barrett's case, with those of Dolan and Garrett, convicted with him and sentenced to the same penalties some time ago, has already been appealed.

Judge Adams told Barrett that his remarks made in sentencing Dolan and Garrett, applied with equal force in his case. In this lecture Judge Adams dwelt strongly upon the enormity of the offense committed, and said he was inflicting the maximum penalty.

STRAW PATIENTS NUMBER 166

The first report of John Dierkes, recently appointed chief clerk of the Poorhouse, as compared with the latest previous report, submitted Nov. 23, shows that 166 names were carried on the rolls without patients to correspond.

The patients are classed as paupers and insane. The comparison of the reports follows:

Nov. 23: Paupers—Men 464, women 254, children 29.  
New report: Paupers—Men 389, women 189, no children.  
Insane—Men 75, women 65, children 12.  
Nov. 23: Insane—Men 341, women 554, children 12.  
New report: Insane—Men 324, women 521, children 29.

TWO LIVES LOST

BY FIRE AT WAKE

Lamp Overturned in Brooklyn House Which Set Window Curtains Aflame

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Two lives were lost and a number of persons badly burned today in a fire on First street, Brooklyn, where a wake was being held over the bodies of Mrs. Mary Gilligan and Arthur Dougherty, a boy who died of hydrophobia a few days ago. An overturned lamp had been ignited the window curtains and before anyone could move, the mounting relatives and friends were in a panic.

Michael Stafford, 18 years old, and Chas. Burley, 25, were suffocated. John Gilligan, son of the dead woman, was badly burned, while assisting at the rescue of his mother's body and Dominic Dougherty, father of the dead boy, was severely burned while saving two children. Several others were seriously injured.

FOLK SPEAKS AT PLATTSBURG.

Congressman Vandiver Plans Mid-Holiday Meeting in St. Louis.

Joseph W. Folk speaks at Plattsburg Saturday afternoon, and his later dates are: Macon, Dec. 12; Warren, Dec. 13; Independence, Platt River, Dec. 20. Congressman W. D. Vandiver, manager of the Folk campaign, has formed plans for a mid-holiday meeting in St. Louis, at which presidents and secretaries of Folk clubs will exchange views.

Mr. Vandiver will speak at Mexico Saturday afternoon and at Montgomery City on the evening.

SAVED FROM ICEBOX  
BY HARD LUCK TALE

Saloonkeeper Changes Plans for Receiving Robbers When He Gazes Into Revolvers

NOW HE WANTS THEM CAUGHT

"You're a Pretty Good Fellow and We'll Let You Off," Visitors' Parting Words

Ozlie White, a saloon keeper at 102 South Fourteenth street, has asked the police to arrest three men who, after hearing his plea for mercy, relented from their announced intention of locking White in his icebox and went out of his place without taking anything or harming him.

White says the men were young and well dressed. They came into his saloon shortly after 11 o'clock Friday night. After buying whiskey and drinking it, they discussed locking robbers for some time.

The spokesman asked White how he would like to be locked in his icebox, and what he would do.

White waxed eloquent on his preparations to meet robbers, and told how cold he would make them feel before they got him into the icebox. The strangers seemed duly impressed.

When White expressed the belief that most of the icebox robbers had been arrested, they brightened up, and finally the spokesman asked White if he did not feel rather chilly.

On receiving an affirmative reply, he said: "Well, this ought to warm you up."

This was a revolver. The second young man drew another revolver, while the third started for the door. White was not speechless, but he waxed eloquent. This time his theme was his family, his debts, dull business and other needs which demanded what little money he had.

The robbers listened until tears came to their eyes and relented from the saloon with the message: "You seem to be a pretty good fellow. We will let you off."

White told the police that he would prosecute the men if they were captured. He was subjected to a severe examination and his story is believed.

SENATOR PLATT IN THE "2007"

Unconscious Humor in Washington

Headline Puts Him There

SPECIAL TO THE POST-DISPATCH.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—These are the first three parts of a heading in a local paper today of a heading in a local paper today.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

PRESIDENT'S ZOOLOGICAL COLLECTION RAPIDLY GROWING.

SENATOR PLATT THERE.

HOUSE ON FIRE, FAMILY SLEPT.

Market Street Resident Is Notified of

Peril Which Was Averted

John B. McCarthy, a butcher residing over his shop at 725 Market street, was informed by the police Saturday morning that his shop, which had been endangered by fire during the night, was safe. McCarthy and his family were sleeping in the shop, but were awakened by the fire alarm.

Mrs. Berberich left her room at an early hour and proceeded to the basement, where she tied a clothline around her neck and then fastened it to a rafter. She then swung herself from a chair and the noise strangled her instantly.

Mrs. Berberich's body was discovered by her husband at 9:30 after he had searched the premises for her.

Deputy Coroner Boogher, who conducted the inquest, returned a verdict that death was due to "temporary mental aberration."

REFUSES WIFE'S APPEAL.

She Petitions for Release of Husband Who Beat Her

Judge Kleber of the Wyoming Street Police Court has refused to recommend the release of Rudolf Schneider who was sent to the workhouse Nov. 23 to serve out a \$100 fine for wife-beating. Application for his release was made by his wife, Judge Kleber told the woman her testimony had been given and that her husband beat her black and blue and therefore she was to be shown.

FIANCE QUARTETTE  
REDUCED TO TRIO

Girl of 17 Calls Off Marriage Plans After License and Ring Are Secured.

DANCED AWAY WEDDING HOUR

Thought of Three Other Engagements Keeps Young Woman From Carrying Out Latest One.

As Miss Alice Green, aged 17, of Pacific, Mo., tells the story of breaking her engagement to wed William Enderby of De Ho-Ho-Ho street, the evening that the wedding was to have occurred, she casually alludes to the fact that she is engaged to a man in St. James and another man in Pacific. Her friends say she is also engaged to a young man in St. Louis—or that at least he thinks so.

Miss Green went to a dance instead of attending her own wedding with Enderby. They had gone to Clayton for the marriage license, came back to St. Louis and bought a wedding ring, made an appointment with a minister and set the hour for the marriage.

Miss Green stopped to visit a friend, and in a few moments after Enderby had continued on his way to prepare for the wedding she experienced a change of heart. The result was that she made up her mind not to marry Enderby more quickly than she had made it up to marry him. Then she went to the dance.

There was a man at the dance who likes Miss Green very much. She says she likes him. At any rate, she was dancing with him at the very moment she had set for her marriage to Enderby. A few minutes later Enderby and Miss Green's aunt, all there was of the wedding party, entered the hall.

Miss Green met them with a most deprecating smile. They retired to a corner and there in the hall Enderby saw the young woman take an engagement ring from her finger and give it back to Enderby.

Not much more was said, for just then another two-top started up and Miss Green had to hurry away to the dance. Enderby and his aunt left, and next morning Enderby came here from New York recently, and went to board at 630 1/2 E. 10th street, where he met, fell in love with and became engaged to Miss Green.

NO MILDER WEATHER IN VIEW

"Fair and Cold" Is Prospect for Temperature Conditions to Last Through Sunday.

Fair weather, and continued cold are promised for Sunday; but the cold will not start in until Monday. The day for those who care for the fun of the thing without the danger of breaking through into cold water. The official forecast is:

"Fair Saturday night and Sunday; continued cold. Fresh minimum temperature Saturday night about 15 degrees."

There is a ripping cold snap up in the Northwest, with temperature below zero at several places, notably at Moorhead, Minn., where the mercury registered 20 degrees below Saturday morning. None of this is expected to reach St. Louis.

There is still some snow in the upper lake regions, but it is warmer in the East. Colder weather, with rain and snow, is expected for the West of the Mississippi, is reported. The western front line extends to Los Angeles, Cal., for the first time this season. The minimum temperature in St. Louis Saturday morning was 20 degrees at 7 o'clock.

NEW YORK BANKERS ASSIGN.

William Clark &amp; Sons, Who Had Rating of \$125,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—William Clark & Sons, bankers, today assigned for the benefit of creditors to the Van Nostrand Trust Co. The firm is composed of Harry and Hudson Clarke and had a mercantile rating of from \$75,000 to \$125,000.

BAD BREAKS IN SOCIETY

They Are So Bad That the Governor of an Adjoining Commonwealth Gives Warning

There have been some distressing doings in the society of a commonwealth not far from St. Louis lately.

Breaks have been made that were so bad that the governor has felt called upon to turn aside from affairs of state long enough to sound a warning note. Several warning notes, in fact.

He has sounded them loud and clear, so that he who runs may hear them and take no risk of misunderstanding them.

He particularly shows up as a social menace the man who blows his nose in a napkin. It is his conviction that there can be no safety for the commonwealth until this man is suppressed.

The culprit has been sitting up in a small way as a rival of Harry Lehr, but the governor points out that he won't do it all as a social menace.

The governor's clarion notes will be in the Sunday Post-Dispatch.

CAPT. EWEN BACK IN JACKSON

Boldly Walks the Streets of Feud Town From Which All Soldiers Have Been Recalled

JACKSON, Ky., Dec. 4.—Capt. B. J. Ewen, principal witness against White and Jett in the Breathitt County assassination case, is boldly walking the streets of Jackson today.

His appearance on the streets immediately after the soldiers have been recalled has caused a surprise. He was always known as a soldier, and his appearance here, and his boldness, was a surprise.

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OFF WITH ONE SUITOR, GIRL OF 17  
REJOICES IN THREE OTHER FIANCES

MISS ALICE GREEN.

EARLY SUITOR  
OUTWITS FATHER  
FINE POINT IN  
THE ZIEGLER CASE

By Arriving at Union Station First, Young Man Wins Bride Whom Parent Sought

The importance of being early was demonstrated Saturday morning when Amelia E. Ziegler, daughter of William Ziegler, a well-known merchant of St. Louis, was married to a young man who arrived at Union Station first.

Then there was a hurried visit to the City Hall, a successful application for a marriage license, and a journey to Kirkwood for the purpose of finding a minister.

Rust lives at Cairo, Ill., where he is a railroad commercial agent. Across the Mississippi from Cairo, a few miles inland, is Jackson, Mo., the home of Miss Morgan and her parents, but such a slight thing as a wide river and a few miles of country road have never yet proved serious barriers to Cupid, and Rust and Miss Morgan, fell in love and plighted their troth.

But the young lady's parents objected. They declared that she should never marry Rust, and to the accomplishment of their wish they arranged an extended visit for her to friends in Ohio.

To Ohio Miss Morgan went, and there she stayed several weeks. When the period of Miss Morgan's practical exile was ended, it was agreed that she should return to Jackson by way of St. Louis. Her father was to meet her at the Union Station Saturday morning, and together they were to return to Jackson.

It was not in the arrangements, as the young lady's parents knew, that Rust was to have anything to do with it. But Rust was in St. Louis ahead of Mr. Morgan, and he was at the steps of the steamer when the steamer arrived.

A few moments later Rust and Miss Morgan appeared at the City Hall to apply for a marriage license. Rust, however, objected if a license issued in St. Louis would be good for a ceremony in Kirkwood. The father was told that there can be no safety for the commonwealth until this man is suppressed.

The young couple explained, as they left the marriage license office, that a minister at Kirkwood was a relative of Mr. Rust.

TYPE FOUNDERS ARE ENJOINED

Judge Thayer Grants Writ Forbidding Interference With Business of St. Louis Corporation

Judge Thayer, acting as special judge of the United States circuit court, granted an injunction Saturday restraining 15 members of the St. Louis Typefounders' Union No. 2, and other former employees of the St. Louis Branch of the American Type Foundry Co. from interfering with the business or the present employees of the company. Bertrac on the writ was made returnable Dec. 11, when the case will be argued for a permanent injunction.

Attorneys Abbot & Edwards and Walter B. Colles, representing the American Type Foundry Co., went before Judge Thayer in chambers Saturday morning and represented that the company has been suffering from a strike in St. Louis, it was represented that the strike employees, most of whom are members of the Union No. 2, have been picketing the foundry at Fourth and Main streets and have been persuading employees to quit.

William Frey is named in the injunction as president of the union. Harry H. Chester is reported to be seriously ill and confined to his bed.

Duke Is in a Sanitarium and Not at His Castle

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Despite suffering from his castle that he is only suffering from a severe cold, the Duke of Manchester is reported to be seriously ill and confined to his bed.

One rumor is to the effect that his condition has been pronounced grave, that he is suffering from an advanced form of kidney disease. Instead of being at his castle in Ireland, it is reported that he is in a private London sanitarium under treatment by specialists.

Estate Awaits Missing Man

C. E. Roberts of 377 Madison avenue is searching for Arthur P. Britton, alias Arthur P. Britton, for whom a \$10,000 reward has been offered. He is a missing man, and his estate is awaiting his return.

Francis' Name for Baby Lion

One of Three Cubs at the Zoo Will Be Tagged for the Exposition President

Here is another chance for Gov. Francis to be photographed. A baby lion has just broken into existence at the Olive street Zoo, and it is named for the World's Fair president.

"Barnum" and "Mollie" are the cub's parents. Barnum has a terrific record as a slayer of his own offspring. He tried dillegently to choke the young lion out of the babies which Mollie was fondling last night, and he was successful. Mollie was equal to the emergency, however, and gave the unfortunate king a good thrashing, so that he will be kept away from her until they become large enough to battle for themselves.

Aside from the cub that is to be named Francis, there are two others which will be suitably named. One will be christened "Mollie" for the mayor. The other has not yet been named, but it is certain that it will have to live up to the reputation of a prominent congressman.

CRAWFORD STORE  
SOLD FOR \$553,000

D. May & Co. of New York Will Continue Business at Present Location

FIRM PARTNERS LOSE HOMES

All Property and Leaseholds Belonging to the Crawford Store Are Included in Transfer

Acting under an order of Judge Elmer B. Adams of the United States District Court, Hugh McKittick, receiver for D. Crawford & Co., against whom bankruptcy proceedings are pending, sold the entire stock, fixtures and leasehold rights of that dry goods concern Saturday morning to D. May & Co., whose home offices are in New York, for \$553,000.

A statement issued by D. May & Co. after the sale says that the company will take up at once and continue the business of the Crawford store in its present location at Washington avenue and Sixth street.

Application for permission to sell the Crawford store was made to Judge Adams Friday afternoon by Receiver McKittick, and a majority of the stockholders, who contended that more could be secured for the stock now than later, as much of it was holiday goods. The order of sale was made Saturday morning.

In his petition for order to sell, Receiver McKittick said that Crawford & Co. had been losing money the past two years at the rate from \$125,000 to \$150,000 a year. The total assets he gave as \$750,121.01 and the liabilities as \$866,121.01.

At 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon Nathan Frank, representing D. May & Co., presented a certified check for \$553,000 to Judge Adams in the United States District Court. Judge Adams turned the check over to James R. Gray, clerk of the court, who was instructed to deposit it with the Mississippi Valley Trust Co., when the trust company has furnished bond to the court for \$500,000.

The check is drawn on the Mechanic National Bank and is payable to the United States District Court.

Crawford Homes

Are Included

Beside the stock, fixtures, leaseholds, wagons, horses and the good will of the firm, the assets include the homes and personal property of Crawford, Adair & Co., Crawford, the partners, and John R. Crawford, the partner.

There were two other bidders for the Crawford store. They were the Mercantile Trust Co. of St. Louis, \$525,000, and Stix, Baer & Fuller, \$410,000.

All the bids, which were sealed, were opened by Judge Adams' court and read. After asking if there were objections to the award to D. May & Co., he announced the stock sold to them.

Saturday is the last day for the presentation of the claims of creditors in the bankruptcy of Crawford & Co. and the holding court in Hannibal a week hence, Judge Adams will begin the hearing in the case.

One demurrer has been filed in the bankruptcy proceedings. This is by Nathan Frank on behalf of Jacob Adair & Co., Sunshelmer & Bro. and Henry Glass & Co. All New York creditors of the Crawford company.

The hearing on this demurrer will be held as soon as Judge Adams' court from Hannibal. The only contention in it is that a petition filed by several banks who are creditors does not state that the court has jurisdiction in the case.

Following will examine the petitions of creditors and then conclude the proceedings with a proportionate reduction of the proceeds among the creditors.

History of the

Crawford Company

The first Crawford store was established in 1887 at Broadway and Franklin avenue by Dugald Crawford and Alexander Russell. The size of the establishment is indicated by an old photograph of the store, which was a memento in the present store, which was the main counter in the first.

Crawford and Russell had been connected with the business for themselves. They built several additions to their Broadway and Franklin avenue store and in October, 1899, they moved to the new store at Washington avenue, just across the big fire which destroyed their old quarters.

In 1897 Alexander Russell retired from the firm, disposing of his interest in Mr. Crawford. He was considered a millionaire at the time of his retirement and has lived since in Kirkwood without engaging actively in business.

After Mr. Russell's retirement Dugald Crawford took his place in the firm, and Crawford, into the firm as his partner.

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A paper sold for every home  
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Politics in city government is usually only another name for "graft."

The Chinese have a mountain of alum, but no health society or baking powder factory.

Watch the Post-Dispatch advertising pages and buy early is the best Christmas advice that can be given this year.

The Apaches, Kiowas, Iroquois and other Indians at the Fair will want to say "how" to our primary election Indians.

#### POSTMASTER-GENERAL PAYNE'S RULING.

The action of Postmaster-General Payne in dismissing Anna Dreyer without giving her an opportunity to examine and answer the charges made against her confirms the statement that the case was reopened not for the purpose of giving Miss Dreyer a genuine hearing, but merely to correct the record. In other words, Mr. Payne did not offer Miss Dreyer a hearing to do justice, but to clinch injustice by giving his arbitrary action the proper legal form.

The issue in this case was the right of a girl employe in the government service to protect her honor and reputation from attack by a superior. The conclusion of the department establishes the ruling that no woman in the postal service can do this with impunity; that any woman who does it is subject to arbitrary dismissal on the charge of conspiracy, without opportunity to know or meet the specifications. In other words, that no woman can accept service in the postal department without surrendering the right to defend her honor and reputation.

This is the ruling of Postmaster-General Payne. Is the ruling approved by President Roosevelt? Must it be said that under the Roosevelt administration the power of the government is used to strike down defenseless women whom it is bound by law and honor to protect?

The board of health has condemned seven dairies. The graft on city milk consumers is one of the most troublesome.

#### SCIENTISTS AS GUESTS OF ST. LOUIS.

During the week from Dec. 28 to Jan. 2, many of the leading scientists of the country will meet in convention in St. Louis. Interest will center about the sections of the American Association for the Advancement of Science that are especially devoted to zoology and botany. These branches of science are intimately related, and as St. Louis is one of the world's botanical centers, on account of the investigations carried on at Shaw's Garden, the visitors ought to find a warm welcome here.

Although the work of these eminent savants does not strictly represent the material side of life, it contributes largely to the progress of the race and is of vital importance in the world of ideas from which humanity at large is benefited.

The distinguished visitors should be taken care of with that cordiality and liberality for which St. Louis is noted. They represent the great thinkers, whose coming is an event of great interest to all citizens.

The grafters should all be sent to Jefferson City to finish their horticultural education.

#### TAM O'SHANTER-R. I. P.

It will no longer be a case of a child plaintively singing, "Father, dear father, come home with me now," if Judge Tracy of the First District Police Court and Mrs. Ella Ford of Leffingwell avenue can influence by example the treatment of bibulous heads of families.

When Mr. Ford neglected to return home, preferring the delights of saloon life instead, Mrs. Ford took a buggy and went after him and lashed him until he hustled, hot-foot, to his own freedom. And when she was brought before Judge Tracy for disturbing the peace, the judge discharged Mrs. Ford, saying: "It would be a godsend if every married woman would do the same under similar circumstances."

So here we are, up against the new order of things, with the crack of the wife's lash above a too convivial husband's head, making the twentieth century air ring. It's all for the best, of course, but old fogies will claim that we lose in picture-queeness what we gain in domesticity and sobriety. Certainly "Tam O'Shanter" would never have been written if the Ford-Tracy method had prevailed in Bobby Burns' day, for Mrs. O'Shanter would have whipped Tam home from his cups long before the witches had a chance at him. And what self-respecting poet could be induced to celebrate this performance as Burns celebrated the genial O'Shanter's voluntary jim-jam gallop to a hearthstone finish?

If there is coal under the Exposition grounds there may be lead and zinc in St. Louis County. Let the prospecting proceed.

#### LEEVE PROTECTION FOR EAST ST. LOUIS.

The question of levee protection for East St. Louis has brought out a plan by Engineer Helm which is favored by the Mayor and other city officials.

This plan is examined by the East St. Louis Journal, the conclusion being that "the only levee protection that will avail anything is a levee parallel with and along the river, not lateral as is a dam against its flood," the latter being Mr. Helm's plan. The Journal adds: "If East St. Louis should vote to experiment with the Helm plan and invest to the extent of \$500,000 in it, it is not likely that its taxpayers would subsequently vote to include themselves in the general levee district and obligate themselves to the taxation that would thus be entailed upon them."

The flood of last summer made it plain that levee protection was absolutely essential to the safety and prosperity of East St. Louis, and other communities along the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. Every public-spirited citizen desires to see some plan adopted which will afford this protection.

It has been suggested that the levee work be made a part of vast improvement schemes to be undertaken by the general government designed to insure a navigable channel from the

headwaters of the rivers to the sea and at the same time provide protection against floods. But this, while good, is perhaps not immediately practicable. The next comprehensive scheme is that by levee districts, which seems practicable and can be initiated at an early day. But whether localities cannot wisely and economically supplement such comprehensive work with levees adapted especially for local protection is a question which each community must answer for itself.

Whatever be the merits of the specific local plan proposed for East St. Louis, that city must act. It is not the ideally best plan, but the best plan possible under the circumstances, that should be adopted. It is hoped that nothing will happen to delay practical measures to this end in East St. Louis.

Mayor Harrison has submitted to the Chicago City Council a bill which, if it becomes law, will go far towards lessening the mortality from firearms, both at ordinary times and on the Fourth of July, in that city. The bill provides that no person shall have a firearm in his possession without a license, and the conditions under which such license may be obtained are strict. Another measure provides for regulation of the sale of firearms. In view of the deaths and injuries resulting from the use of pistols on the nation's birthday, what is St. Louis going to do in the way of protecting life from the reckless users of firearms?

#### RETAIL GRAFTING.

The graft in the city institutions is the result of slipshod methods employed in public business.

The grafters are for the most part men of the baser sort, who are selected, not with reference to their special ability to perform the duties of their positions, but because they have been servicable to the "men higher up" who, directly or indirectly, control the appointments. These services are, most of them, political in small way. But all of them are for the personal profit of the employer who should pay for them. Instead, the public is made to pay. The man who is on the public payroll as a cook may or may not know how to cook. The question is: what has he done for the machine; or what can he do?

This crazy practice is in vogue not only in St. Louis but in every other large city in the country. The test of fitness for the position in question has no relation to the duties attached to it. The appointee proves his fitness by doing little jobs for the committee in his precinct or ward. He gets one job because he has proved his fitness for another.

A bank, factory or newspaper managed on such principles, or lack of principles, would go into bankruptcy in a week. That insolvency, material, mental and moral, has overtaken the public corporation is not strange. It is the inevitable consequence of a total disregard of the primary teachings of common sense.

These grafters may all be exposed and punished. The energy with which the mayor is pushing the investigation argues a successful conclusion of it, and a purging of the public service. But no permanent improvement need be expected until the public business is administered with some reference to the standards of merit found absolutely essential to successful private business.

In the markets of France the name of each kind of meat is attached to that part of the carcass displayed for sale. A customer knows beyond doubt whether he is buying a portion of a cow or steer, a goat or sheep. If the meat is that of a donkey or horse, there is the label upon it to prevent any chance of deception. Labeling meats in the markets of the United States, along with thorough inspection, ought everywhere to be insisted upon.

When some wealthy vegetarian shall start a vegetarian restaurant the vegetarian cause may look up. An occasional vegetarian banquet is altogether inadequate to convince the masses, even when they are squeezed by the Meat Trust.

What's in a name? A good deal, if it is the name of a saloon, according to Grandjurymen Berry. In changing its name the saloon is enabled to get a license after having been suppressed for gross violations of the law.

The earthquakes predicted by the Paris clairvoyant seem to have begun over in Illinois. The earthquakes over there, however, are scarcely more jarseome than those that are alleged to come to St. Louis occasionally.

The extend-the-statutes-of-limitation sentiment has grown very much since Missouri and the government began the prosecution of bootleggers.

Sheriff Dickmann may be thoroughly acclimated by the time he returns with Kratz.

#### POST-DISPATCH SNAP-SHOTS.

The grafters should be put through a course of sprouts. According to his enemies, Wood is a man who sticks at nothing.

Grafting has reached a point where we may expect soon to graft figs on thistles.

The "birds" of the pilgrims were much leaner than the Plymouth Rocks of St. Louis poultry shows.

Strube says he can see his sweetheart constantly. Unfortunately for him she cannot materialize sufficiently to save him from the law.

Perhaps the arrested visitor from Chicago who carried false whiskers in his pocket wore them when at home for the pleasure of hearing the wind whistle through them.

#### POST-DISPATCH ANSWERS.

Legal questions not answered. Business addresses not given. No bets decided. Don't sign "Bugs" or "Constant Reader." One initial is enough. Address all letters to Post-Dispatch, City.

(To All Questioners.—Don't write a word but the question and signature. Answer has no time to read more. Be merciful.)

SUB.—Battle of Waterloo, June 18, 1815.

JONES.—See license commissioner, City Hall.

I. N. K.—Illinois penitentiaries, Joliet and Chester.

O. B.—April 3, 1872, was Wednesday in '73. Thursday.

O. H. S.—Dockery's vote in 1900, \$50,045. Flory, \$17,905.

J. H.—New Year's Eve is in 1903; "New Year's" in 1904.

CHINA.—Wu Ting Fang is the Chinese minister who was in St. Louis last winter.

P.—There should be no "a" to p. Cowper says: "Faust as a chicken's note that has the pip."

M. T.—City license to peddle stationery and blank books, \$5 for six months. There is no state license.

G. A. R.—Both A and B are right, at different times, as both customs are used in awarding eulchre prizes. Trouble may be saved by announcing before the game which will be used.

K. M. G.—No premium on any of your coins. H. K.—No premium on 1843 half dollar. RNOVBALL.—No premium on 1843 half eagle or 1843 eagle. A. C. G.—No premium on 1843 and 1848 half dollars. M. T. R.—Premium on 1849 gold dollar, \$5 cents; 1897, same.

Express car, Missouri Pacific, was robbed at Glenview by Frank Wittrock, not by Jim Cummins, 13 years ago.

The supposition that Cummins committed the robbery arose from the fact that Wittrock had written letters about the robbery and then Jim Cummins.

L. U.—As to taking a young woman to the balcony of a theater, guided by your means. Her wraps can be checked in the ladies' room. Candy is not necessary, but can be sent afterwards as a compliment. If you find a young woman not at home, do not leave a message, but write to her later. If you have attended her many times, it is not proper to give her a ring as a Christmas gift. Your next question is unanswerable. If after attending her many times, it is not proper to give her a ring as a Christmas gift, it is not proper to give her a ring as a Christmas gift.

G. H. S.—Santa Claus is in the nursery love of many countries and in most instances is identified with St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children. The Easter rabbit is a survival of Teutonic folk-lore of unknown antiquity, and its religious connection is with fertility worship, and that phase of it in which the moon was the chief deity. The hare bears a great resemblance to the moon, and because the young are born with their eyes open, and because the hare is a young creature, it is not proper to give her a ring as a Christmas gift. Your next question is unanswerable. If after attending her many times, it is not proper to give her a ring as a Christmas gift, it is not proper to give her a ring as a Christmas gift.

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JUST A MINUTE  
WITH THE  
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#### THOSE SCIENTISTS.

The wicked bacillus  
Would certainly kill us—  
As it has been frequently said he would do—  
Before we could shake him  
Or bolt him or bake him.  
If half that the scientists tell us were true.

'Twould keep us all sighing,  
Experiments trying.  
To shield us from harm from this great  
bugaboo,  
And we would be weary  
And life would be dreary.  
If half that the scientists tell us were true.

No man would be able  
To stick to his table.  
His desk or his counter, where work is to  
go,  
If he were kept fighting  
Bad bugs belligerently.  
If half that the scientists tell us were true.

Oh, life would be fearful  
And terribly fearful,  
And much of existence, I'm sure, we would  
lose,  
For microbes would chew us  
And wholly undo us.  
If half that the scientists tell us were true.

Fond lovers and misses  
Would tremble at kisses—  
Pray how, if they did, could they gurgie  
and coo,  
And a theory stupid  
Would knock out poor Cupid.  
If half that the scientists tell us were true.

#### More "Doctored" Wisdom.

An individual who takes D. D. and L. L. D. onto his name, by whose authority a merciful providence knows, has formulated a lot of "maxims for young men," which he has had copyrighted. Here are a few samples:

More harm may come of work ill done than of work undone.  
A noble failure is better than a despicable success.  
No office can make a worthless man respectable.

A wise man can keep silent; a fool cannot.  
Put the best of yourself into all you do.  
If you lose heart pour out your head.  
If courage is gone, all is gone.

Where did this great and learned man dig up these sentiments? No wonder—from the works of old "Self Help" Samuel Smiles or from the life and teachings of John D. Rockefeller?

He flashes them upon us in a manner that seems to say: "Just look here, if you think you are able to stand a shock! Here is the greatest moral find since Theodore Roosevelt discovered the Ten Commandments!" And further to dazzle us with the effluence of his pseudo-secular wisdom he does a stereotyped turn, as it were, and throws upon our retinas those mystic (and in most cases meaningless) initials, D. D., L. L. D. Oh, how brave they look, and how little they impress us! And how little these "maxims" impress us! Why? Because, in the first place, they are trite; secondly, they belong to the race at large, rather than to any one writer, and again, because, like the wisdom of so many D.D.s and L.L.D.s, manufactured by jerkwater colleges and courtesy, they are phony and won't stand the acid test of common sense.

Let us get away from these perfumed, sing-song "doctors" and sit at the feet of old Hank Jones down in the country and learn true wisdom. We have had a surfeit of the "doctored" article.

#### A Sure Preventive

"Here's a funny thing."  
"What's that?"  
"Fellow wants to know a good preventive of frost bite."  
"Tell him to lay in his coal in July."

A Boston preacher, professor in a theological seminary, is on trial for heresy for teaching eschatology. Should have stuck to mnemonics or metempsychosis.

Well, what of it? Isn't an indictment on any charge that means the penitentiary likely to have "an ill effect" on the condition of anybody?

Russia has expended more than \$300,000,000 in Manchuria. Now, you can do your own guessing as to whether or not she will evacuate.

In the United States there are \$7,671,477,000 of goods, mostly of the kind that are occupied by dealers in wet goods.

Pity that a hard-working actress can't disappear for a few days at a time without having the whole country on the lookout.

Colombia has had three different names, seven constitutions and probably has the longest list of ex-presidents in the world.

We have been "expecting" Mr. Kratz for several weeks, but it is usually the unexpected that happens.

Uncle Sam may get a few more South American republics in his stocking for Christmas.

A mountain of alum has been discovered in China, but there are no statesmen to utilize it.

When they commence to talk about "those halcyon days," look out for a has-been.

#### MISSOURI ODD FACTS.

The Braymer Comet ran a column of contributions in prose and verse from different people telling what they were thankful for. The following is a sample of them: "I'm thankful for all the blessings—blessings from north and south. But I'm glad I came in the dark moon and didn't all run to mouth."—Ben H. Kite.

The Lamar Democrat, wishing to demonstrate the efficiency of newspaper advertising, says: "If there are any gentlemen in Lamar who don't believe that it pays to advertise, let him insert an ad in this paper telling the people that he will pay 30 cents apiece for housecalls. We will give him the space without charge, and if his bank account doesn't look like 30 cents before he gets through paying for the calls that the ad brings, then we will agree, ever after, to advise merchants to stay out of the papers."



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## FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS.

### REVENGE

Once upon a time there was a crab and a turtle who took to living together. The turtle was master and the crab was servant, and when Crabbe didn't do things



Where They Had Their Club.

exactly to suit Mr. Turtle he got a good beating.

One morning the turtle came to his breakfast in a bad humor. "Are these worms," he shouted, "or are they rubber bands such as men people put around packages?" and he beat Crabbe with some of the tough breakfast which had been provided.

The little crab took his beating so meekly that the turtle might well have been frightened; but he wasn't. He went grumbling off to sit with some other old fat turtles on the log where they had their club, and grumbled about the misdoing of everybody. Crabbe wasted no time. He scrambled out of the water and up to a little cottage which stood on the bank.

"What was that I heard the man say?" he muttered to himself. "That he liked turtle soup! Ah! my cruel master, I'll soon see you in the soup!"  
Five minutes later Crabbe was scrambling down to the bank with a man following him. "He'll make a rich soup," the little crab was saying. "I've kept him fat, grubbing for worms all summer."  
The man picked up old Mr. Turtle, without the least trouble, and put him in a basket. Then he looked at the little crab. "What do you get out of this?" he asked.  
"Me?" said the crab. "Oh! get nothing except my revenge—unless you want to give me something for it," and he looked hopeful.

"I will," returned the man, thoughtfully. "I want to give you a nice warm home, I'm very fond of deviled crab." And that fearless man walked off chuckling—but the crab had his revenge, which paid as well as revenge generally does.

### NOT SO BADLY TREATED

From Town and Country.  
First Artist: Old Moneybags wouldn't buy my pictures—wouldn't even look at them.  
Second Artist: Never mind, old man. He was more considerate of your feelings than he was of mine.

"Why, he refused to buy my pictures because he did look at them."

### THOSE FOOLISH QUESTIONS.

Algy: Bai Jove, old mah, fallen into the water?  
The Sportsman: Well, you didn't jolly well suppose I jumped in, did you?—Come Cuts.

### Cure for Chilblains.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.  
Will some reader of the Post-Dispatch please give me a cure for chilblains.  
St. Louis. JANE.

### Age Problem Answered.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.  
A man is twice as old as his wife was when he was her present age; when his wife reaches his present age their combined ages will equal 100 years.  
Present ages, 33-1/3 years and 44-2/3 years, respectively. The husband is twice as old as his wife was 11-1/3 years ago. When his wife reaches his present age, 44-2/3 years, he will be 55-5/6, their combined ages being 100 years. Come again.  
J. H. R.

### Sick Chickens.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.  
Will some one tell me what is the matter with my chickens. They make a strange noise as though something was caught in their head or throat. At the same time jerking their head and neck and know what will cure them. Please answer in the People's Column.  
East St. Louis, Ill. M. B.

### For Sore Feet.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.  
If the letter carrier who has sore feet will put a pinch of powdered borax in his shoes about once a week, he will find relief.  
ONE WHO HAS TRIED IT.  
St. Louis.

### Alum for Foot-Pain.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.  
I would like to help the suffering letter carrier for his sore feet. Get 5 cents' worth of lump alum, burn it on a fireproof, then break it in a fine dust and shake it in your socks. I am certain it will help you.  
St. Louis. ONE THAT KNOWS.

### In Defense of Euchre.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.  
I noticed in last night's Post-Dispatch an article concerning pomes such as pines. I want to say that I am one of them, have been for the last eight years, and I would like to tell this person calling him or herself Smith, that they must not judge everybody by themselves. I have a seven-room house, do all my own work, wash, iron and do most of my sewing, and I do not think I have to be afraid of letting anybody come in and see me at any time. I am not the only one that I am speaking of, but plenty of others. I would rather attend a euchre, public or private, at any time than one of those kaffee klatches or tea parties, where women go and criticize and talk about one another and their clothes. At a game of euchre you must watch your cards and not the people. "Never judge others by your own standard," the old saying.  
MRS. E. W. ST. LOUIS.

## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

### World's Fair and the School Children

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.  
I would like to suggest something which I think will interest the school children and also the parents. Instead of each school having a picnic every year at the end of the school year, I think it would be nice to give each school a day at the World's Fair, either free or half price to all the buildings, as that will be the













A dark, vertical, textured image, possibly a book cover or a close-up of a material. The texture is grainy and uneven, with some lighter areas and some darker, more solid-looking areas. The overall appearance is that of a high-contrast, black and white photograph of a physical object.



